

## APPLICANT FEEDBACK SUMMARY

### 2013 AmeriCorps State and National Grant Competition

**Legal Applicant:** Civic Works, Incorporated

**Application ID:** 13AC145722

**Program Name:** Civic Works Service Corps

For the purpose of enhancing our programs by improving the quality and quantity of applications to the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS), we are providing specific feedback regarding the strengths and weaknesses of this application. These comments are not meant to represent a comprehensive assessment; rather the analysis represents those elements that had the greatest bearing on the rating of the application. Please note that this feedback consists of summary comments from more than one reviewer. For this reason, some of the comments may seem to be inconsistent or contradictory. Comments are not representative of all of the information used in the final funding decision.

#### Reviewers' Summary Comments:

- (+) The applicant cited detailed statistical data and describes the need as well as the targeted populations. Specifically, the applicant established a link between the size and density of the two Maryland counties discussed that included the population and poverty rate of each.
- (+) The selected activities, roles and responsibilities of each AmeriCorps member included a thorough explanation of designated duties for their specific assignment. As an example, 108 AmeriCorps members will serve under the Education Focus. This focus is further broken down as evidenced by the use of 43 AmeriCorps members who will tutor elementary, middle, and high school students.. The other 65 AmeriCorps members will prepare students for success in college.
- (+) The applicant uses the evidence-based Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) model in the area of Education. In the area of Economic Opportunity, the applicant uses Project Lightbulb's evidence-informed model. In the area of Healthy Futures, the applicant is using the evidence-based Neighborhoods for All Ages model.
- (+) The applicant describes measurable evidence-based community impact in each of the focus areas of Education, Economic Opportunity, and Healthy Futures; in addition, the applicant describes intended outcomes for AmeriCorps members and community volunteers.
- (-) The applicant does not provide a compelling argument on what they could accomplish with the addition of AmeriCorps slots vs. utilizing existing staff and resources.
- (-) The applicant fails to provide information on measurable impact in the areas of Healthy Futures and Economic Opportunity.